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SUBJECT: GDR RECEPTION FOR US ASTRONAUT

- 1. GDR AMBASSADOR GAVE SMALL RECEPTION MAY 17 IN HONOR OF US ASTRONAUT GERLAD CARR, WHO VISITED EAST BERLIN LAST YEAR UNDER USG SPONSORSHIP.
- 2. "HIGHLIGHT" OF THE EVENING WAS THE SHOWING OF A GDR FILM ON CARR'S VISIT. DONE IN ENGLISH, THE FILM MIXED CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CONTENT WITH SHOTS OF CARR'S VISIT. A COPY OF THE FILM WAS PRESENTED TO CARR.
- 3. CARR IS PLANNING TO PRESENT AMBASSADOR SIEBER WITH A SMALL GDR FLAG WHICH WAS CARRIED ABROAD A US SPACECRAFT.

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4. AMBASSADOR SIEBER AND HIS STAFF WERE QUITE KEEN TO GET DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' REACTIONS TO RECENT GDR AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE CHARGE LAST WEEK. SIEBER STRESSED THAT THE AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINED SEVERAL NEW POINTS AND REPRESENTED A MAJOR STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF US-GDR RELATIONS. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS RESPONDED THAT TEXT WAS BEING STUDIED CAREFULLY, BUT THAT IT APPEARED ON THE WHOLE

TO BE A SUMMARY OF THE GDR'S OUTSTANDING PROPOSALS FOR

ACCELERATING RELATIONS IN VARIOUS AREAS.

5. ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR LANGE DISCUSSED BEIL'S FORTHCOMING VISIT WITH EUR/CE OFFICER AND INDICATED THAT, ASIDE FROM PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS OF JOINT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT, TREASURY, COMMERCE AND USDA, BEIL HAD NO OTHER APPOINTMENTS ON HIS SCHEDULE. CHRISTOPHER

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